Project Updates Week Ending March 13, 2026

In late February, the project began backfilling the newly constructed and encased sewer lines and also began backfilling against the Colorado Street bridge. As a reminder, the bridge structure is raised above the original Colorado Street by 6 ft per design requirements. As new elevations are reached from these earthwork activities, additional segments of utility lines are installed. This week, Storm Drain Line “A” on the west side of the bridge and additional waterline segments on the east side were installed and backfilled (see photo below). Construction of the sewer airline, which began last week, is expected to continue into March in preparation for the sewer line pressure test and camera inspections. The sewer inlet structure was constructed, and work on the sewer outlet structure is almost complete.

Next week, fine grading for the roadway subgrade at the intersection of Orlena and Colorado Street is expected to begin (see photo below), followed by curb and gutter work. Planting activities are expected to commence next week. Shrubs and trees will be installed first, followed by sod to avoid damage to the fields.



Photo above: current view of intersection of Colorado and Orlena Street as of early March 2026; roadway subgrade installation pending



Photo above: most of the shoring has been removed with the exception of some slide-rail systems adjacent to the bridge where compaction and backfill activities are on-going



Photo above: crews performing compaction in preparation of utility line installation



Photo above: additional segments of water lines and backfill; additional backfill necessary to meet required roadway elevations